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# H. R. 388

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick  
Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. ELLZEY) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cattle Fever Tick  
5 Eradication Program Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CATTLE FEVER TICK ERADICATION PROGRAM RE-**

7 **VIEW AND REPORT.**

8 (a) PROGRAM REVIEW.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
10 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-

1       retary of Agriculture shall offer to enter into a con-  
2       tract with a covered institution under which the cov-  
3       ered institution shall conduct a review of the Pro-  
4       gram.

5               (2) REVIEW ELEMENTS.—The review conducted  
6       pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include an evalua-  
7       tion of—

8                       (A) the effectiveness of the Program with  
9                       respect to preventing and reducing the spread  
10                      of tick-borne illnesses in cattle;

11                     (B) with respect to cattle producers—

12                               (i) the benefits of the Program; and

13                               (ii) the burden of compliance with the  
14                      Program;

15                     (C) the treatment protocols developed and  
16                      implemented under the Program; and

17                     (D) the Federal and State funds allocated  
18                      to support the Program for the most recent fis-  
19                      cal year, including the funds allocated to each  
20                      research project associated with the Program.

21       (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22       on which the Secretary of Agriculture and a covered insti-  
23       tution enter into a contract pursuant to subsection (a)(1),  
24       the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Com-  
25       mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and

1 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of  
2 the Senate a report that includes—

3 (1) the results of the review conducted pursuant  
4 to subsection (a); and

5 (2) recommendations for improvements to the  
6 Program, including recommendations for reducing  
7 the burden of compliance with the Program with re-  
8 spect to cattle producers.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
11 ered institution” means—

12 (A) a land-grant college or university; or

13 (B) a non-land-grant college of agriculture.

14 (2) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—

15 The term “land-grant college or university” means  
16 an institution from among the land-grant colleges  
17 and universities (as defined in section 1404 of the  
18 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
19 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

20 (3) NON-LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OF AGRI-

21 CULTURE.—The term “non-land-grant college of ag-  
22 riculture” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
23 tion 1404 of the National Agricultural Research,  
24 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
25 U.S.C. 3103).

1           (4) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means  
2           the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program carried  
3           out by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
4           Service of the Department of Agriculture in coordi-  
5           nation with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

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